

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No

PCT/US2006/024035

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

INV. A61H3/00 A45B1/00 A45B3/00

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	DE 100 56 120 A1 (HENDIK JOERG [DE]) 28 June 2001 (2001-06-28)  the whole document	1-6, 10, 13-15, 17, 19, 21, 22, 24-26, 29-31, 35, 37, 38
X	DE 342 106 C (ARTHUR LUTHER) 13 October 1921 (1921-10-13)  the whole document	1-8, 13-17, 19, 25-29, 33, 35

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X	<p>FR 2 255 881 A1 (DELACOUR ANDRE [FR]) 25 July 1975 (1975-07-25)</p> <p>the whole document</p>	<p>1-3, 5, 10, 11, 13-19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 29-31, 36-38</p>

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### Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
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1-8, 10, 11, 13-17, 19, 21, 22, 24-31, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-8,10,13-17,19,21,22,24-31,33,35,37,38

A walking stick device comprising:

- a) a means for supporting the person while standing
- b) a means for holding the "means for supporting"
- c) a padded means for propping, extending essentially perpendicular to the "means for supporting" wherein the means for holding is detachable.

2. claims: 9,34

A walking stick device comprising:

- a) a means for supporting the person while standing
- b) a means for holding the "means for supporting"
- c) a padded means for propping, extending essentially perpendicular to the "means for supporting" and a second identical means for propping

3. claims: 11,36

A walking stick device comprising:

- a) a means for supporting the person while standing
- b) a means for holding the "means for supporting"
- c) a padded means for propping, extending essentially perpendicular to the "means for supporting" wherein the "means for propping" comprises a pivoting means

4. claim: 12

A walking stick device comprising:

- a) a shaft
- b) a base
- c) a rigid padded protrusion, extending essentially perpendicular to the shaft wherein the "means for propping" is adjustable in size

5. claim: 18

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

A walking stick device comprising:

- a) a shaft
  - b) a base
  - c) a rigid padded protrusion, extending essentially perpendicular to the shaft wherein the shaft has a plurality of positioning holes
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6. claim: 20

A walking stick device comprising:

- a) a shaft
  - b) a base
  - c) a rigid padded protrusion, extending essentially perpendicular to the shaft wherein the base comprises multiple prongs
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7. claims: 23,32,39

A walking stick device comprising:

- a) a shaft
  - b) a base
  - c) a rigid padded protrusion, extending essentially perpendicular to the shaft further comprising a track having a length shorter than a mounting bracket and tightening screws to lock the position of the protrusion on the track
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Information on patent family members

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Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
DE 10056120	A1	28-06-2001	NONE	
DE 342106	C	13-10-1921	NONE	
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